GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2549
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SUPPLY OF ARMS TO PAKISTAN
RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has cautioned America against supplying arms to Pakistan in the name of containing Taliban-perpetrated violence;

(b) if so, the reaction of the U.S. Government thereto; (

(c) whether India has pointed out to the U.S. that Pakistan has often used arms supplied by it against the former; and

(d) if so, the extent to which the U.S. was convinced in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a), (b), (c) and (d) Government has conveyed to the U.S. Government the implications of fresh supply of arms to Pakistan, keeping in view the past history of the use of such U.S.-supplied arms by Pakistan.It is up to the U.S. Government to decide the terms of its engagement with Pakistan. The U.S. Government has so far not resumed supply or sale of weapons to Pakistan.